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Prices started the week unchanged to sharply lower across the country and ended the week unchanged to lower on the larger sizes in the Eastern region and in Chicago with prices unchanged elsewhere. The trade sentiment early in the week was cautiously steady to barely steady and finished the period barely steady to instances weak. Demand was mixed from light to good, mostly light to moderate and best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices fell 1 to 2 cents during the week with checks and undergrades ranging 1 cent lower. Breakers in need of additional product were having no problem securing heavy nest runs and graded product at usually lower values. Many breakers had stepped away from the market by the week's end as regular commitments and company owned production easily satisfied needs. Additional product offerings were fully adequate to ample for most of the period. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	89-94	76-84	56-58
New York	51-53	48-51	34-37
Philadelphia	49-57	47-55	33-35.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	26-27
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	35-36
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	52-65	49-63	33-47
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	42-47	41-46	26-31
Detroit (2)	41-44	40-43	22-25
Major Ohio Cities (2)	42-48.5	41-47	23-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	45-52	43-50	26-33
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	59-61	57-59	39-41
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	79	71	57
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 1-Oct-99 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	LARGE	MEDIUM
	58.48	56.11
SOUTHERN	55.29	35.44
MIDWEST	47.82	29.47
	75.40	69.68
	62.14	58.81
		41.36

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-05-99	09-28-99	10-06-98
Large	24-46	28-30	52-54
Medium	8-10	11-13	21-23

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Oct 04,1999 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.4	8.3	4.7	9.0	8.5 37.9
	Change	-0.7	-1.9	0.0	0.6	-0.1 -5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.7	25.4	9.9	23.4	18.0 108.4
	Change	4.3	5.2	0.1	-0.8	0.3 9%
Large	Curr Wk	48.6	55.2	58.8	65.5	83.0 311.1
	Change	-4.0	4.1	4.1	-2.5	9.4 4%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.0	23.5	13.9	23.9	23.5 99.8
	Change	2.7	-3.4	-1.9	-1.2	-0.6 -4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	5.5	2.4	4.9	7.7 24.8
	Change	-1.4	-0.9	0.5	-2.0	-0.4 -14%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	12.0	8.2	8.4	6.4 39.4
	Change	-4.8	-2.2	0.4	-3.0	-0.9 -21%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.0	79.3	19.0	20.5	51.7 208.5
	Change	4.9	3.9	4.5	-2.7	-1.7 4%
Total	Curr Wk	149.4	209.2	116.9	155.6	198.8 829.9
Percent	Change	1%	2%	7%	-7%	3% 1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	829.9	1%	164
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	477.0	-1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1306.9	0%	202

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 164 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 02-OCT-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,201,109	27,296	11,416	6,455	2,569	3,808
PW	1,238,060	30,410	10,941	5,890	2,639	4,029
LY	1,111,467	26,215	10,213	5,232	2,062	3,358
% PW	-3	-10	4	10	-3	-5
% LY	8	4	12	23	25	13
1999	43,203,795	1,003,650	412,179	224,958	100,879	136,604
1998	41,235,773	936,436	411,176	218,694	101,096	132,774

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST****WEEK WEEK YEAR**

40.77 41.41 40.50

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 02-OCT-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS	LAST
		WEEK	YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	235.3	-5	2
E.N. CENTRAL	475.4	0	19
W.N. CENTRAL	188.7	-1	23
S. ATLANTIC	200.8	1	5
S. CENTRAL	75.1	2	-1
WEST	227.1	4	10
TOTAL	1,402.4	0	11
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		91	91

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	15 Selected States		in 15 Selected States	
	SEP 25	OCT 02	SEP 25	OCT 02
	Thousand			
AL	26,693	27,368	19,478	17,275
AR	*27,248	29,130	*23,517	23,065
DE	4,101	4,136	5,298	4,525
FL	2,663	2,665	2,252	1,951
GA	*28,480	31,538	*24,017	23,085
MD	7,354	7,591	*5,298	5,233
MS	*16,197	17,618	14,828	13,055
NC	17,456	16,452	13,032	13,570
PA	*3,486	3,261	*2,767	2,479
SC	4,586	4,818	*3,991	3,497
TX	*12,738	13,265	*10,909	9,886
VA	6,123	5,619	4,752	5,124
CA, TN, & WV	*10,364	10,620	*9,747	9,931
15 State Total	*167,489	174,081	*139,886	132,676
Previous Year	167,662	173,841	136,415	132,286
Pct. of Prev.	100	100	103	100

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 13-Nov-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 144.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 141.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 64.57 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 09/30/99-10/06/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	26.60	26.50	27.50	28.50	30.00	—	12.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	26.00	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	20.20	21.50	5.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	33.00	34.18	30.00	—	18.50
GL W LG	—	—	29.00	30.50	—	—	11.50
GL W MD	—	—	14.73	16.29	21.38	19.20	16.25
GL W SM	15.00	17.00	14.25	15.75	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.50
NRBS - 48	18.50	23.00	—	—	22.12	22.96	50.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 02-OCT-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	29.6		28.7		3	-1
BOSTON	5.8		6.1		-5	-49
CHICAGO	52.1		40.4		29	-3
DETROIT	27.3		24.2		13	-5
KANSAS CITY	0.1		0.1		0	0
LOS ANGELES	87.3		86.8		1	8
NEW ORLEANS	9.2		9.3		-1	-42
NEW YORK	40.6		35.5		14	-2
ST. LOUIS	15.5		15.6		-1	52
SAN FRANCISCO	21.4		20.6		4	-1
TOTAL	288.9		267.3		8	-2
4 WK MVG AVG	305.9					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 25-SEP-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,786	49	5,835
AVGWT	0.00	24.51	26.06	24.52
LAST WEEK	0	4,818	29	4,847
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	6,246	55	6,301
AVGWT	0.00	22.68(A)	24.89	22.70
TO-DATE/1999	55	183,454(A)	1,373	184,882
TO-DATE/1998	72	193,039(A)	1,431	194,542

(A) Includes 582,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 974,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-SEP-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			
N EAST	1,215	26	21.90	(A)	(A)	1,220	21.92
S ATL	612	30	28.27	(A)	(A)	616	28.24
N CENT	2,552	30	26.47	(A)	(A)	2,580	26.45
S CENT	837	18	20.70	(A)	(A)	844	20.77
WEST	570	-20	22.80	(A)	(A)	575	22.91
U.S.TOTAL	5,786(B)	20	24.51	0	49	5,835	24.52
TO DATE							
1999	183,454(B)			55	1,373	184,882	
TO DATE							
1998	193,039(B)			72	1,431	194,542	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 23,000 for the year 582,000; last year to date 974,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 02-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,908(A)	1,946	1,742	3,688	448
AVGWT	4.94	3.44	7.86	5.52	6.79
LAST WEEK	155,941	1,994	1,657	3,651	506
YRAGO	145,051	1,809	1,312	3,121	465
AVGWT	4.92	3.31	7.76	5.18	6.53
TO-DATE/1999	5,916,491	82,062	54,518	136,580	17,275
TO-DATE/1998	5,690,150	80,783	49,197	129,980	17,634

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.8 million head or 4.0 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Oct 09

	CURRENT WEEK 10/09/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/02/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	154,056(2)	157,782
LT HENS	1,859	1,930
HVY HENS	1,708	1,809
TOTAL	157,623	161,521

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Oct-99 is 149.7 million head compared to 146.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.9 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 16-Oct-99 the estimated available is 148.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 28	159.4	154.6	103	4.85
SEPTEMBER 4	157.9	152.7	103	4.86
11	136.8	150.8	91	4.91
18	154.2	151.7	102	4.87
25	157.8	153.2	103	5.04
2	155.8	151.8	103	4.94
YEAR TO DATE	5989.9	5943.5	101	
OCTOBER 9		149.7		
16		148.5		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from 27-Sep-99	27-Sep-99	5-Oct-98
4-Oct-99			
53.01	-1.45	54.46	68.19

NUMBER OF LOADS 689

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 10/04-10/09/99.

10/04-10/09/99.	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	40.00-44.00	44.55	52	48.10	89
Los Angeles	64.00	63.15	56	60.41	141
New York	42.00-48.00	44.20	50	47.73	85

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	78	78.00	80
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-78	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 4-Oct-99	4,146	183,153	95,290
AM 1-Sep-99	3,039	192,814	95,979
CHG	1107	-9661	-689
PCT CHG	36	-5	-1

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 1999

FROZEN EGGS	11	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.99 PCT
TURKS	601	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.02 PCT
POP	808	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.98 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
10/04/99			
Southeast	7.75-17(1)	7.75-14.5	10.86
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-19.5(1)	10-12	12.66

10/01/99

LIGHT TYPE

Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	TFEWR 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.5(2)		

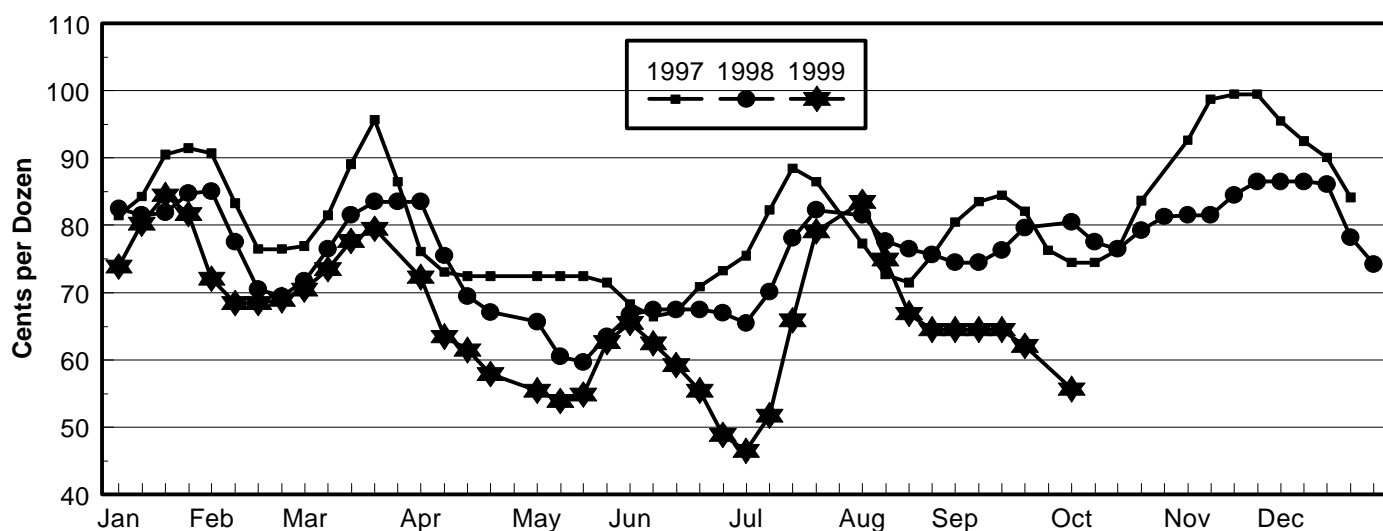
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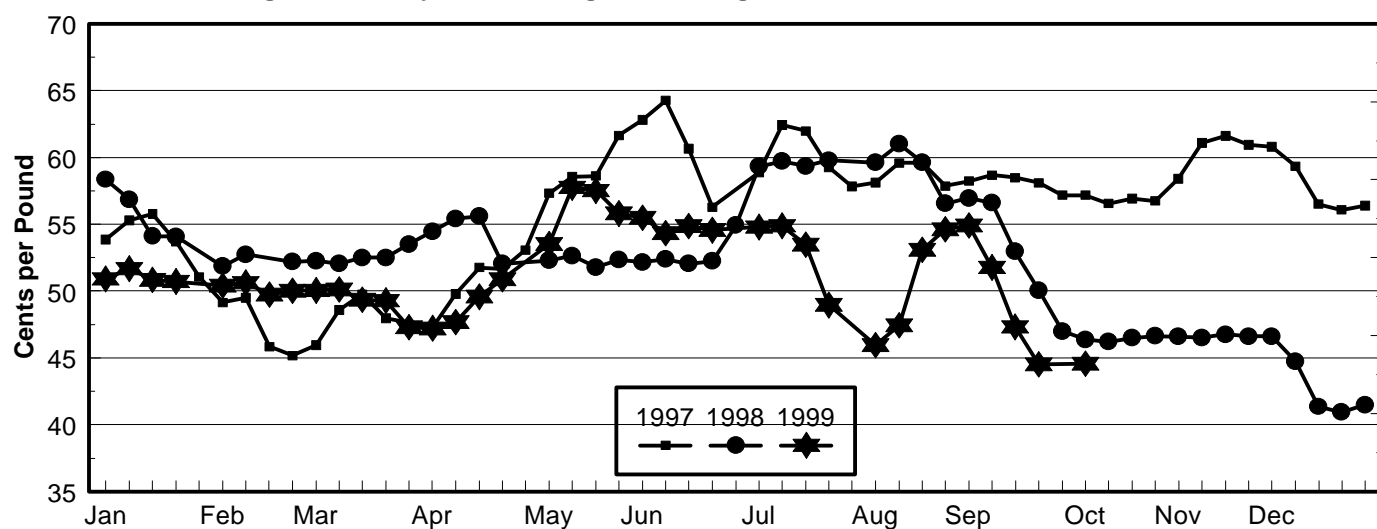
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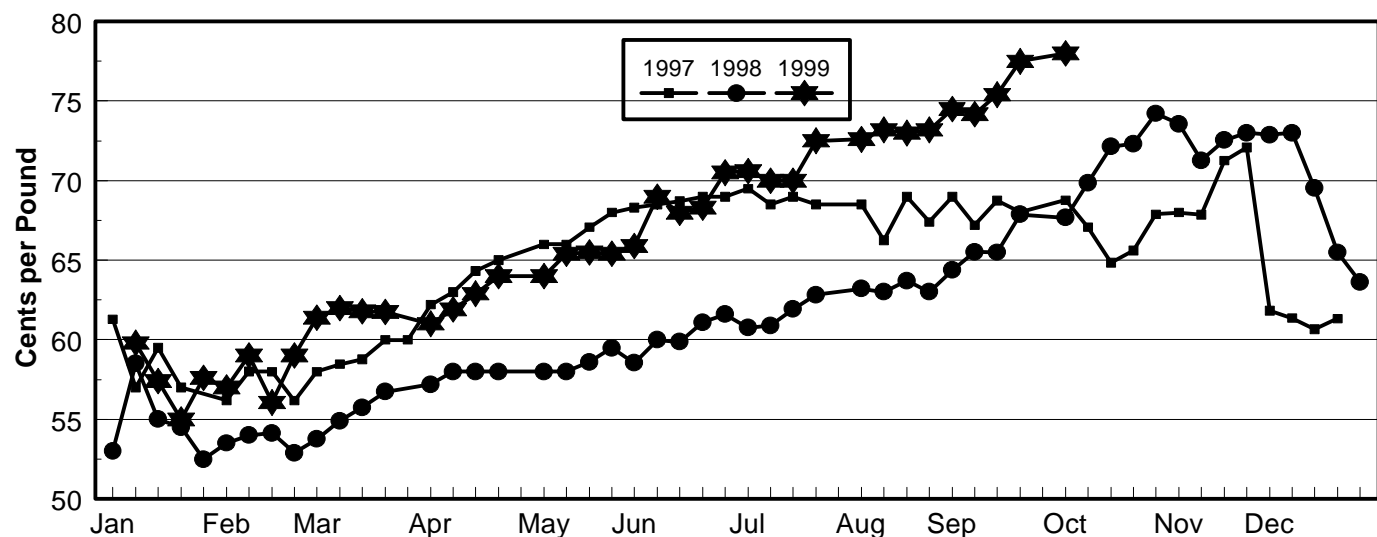
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.